

Exploring early numeracy through playdough



You may like to set up an open-ended playdough experience using counting manipulatives, play dough and a dice. These materials provide opportunities for your child to practice counting, 1:1 correspondence and can be used to play some simple addition and subtraction games as your child shows interest.

With your child, collect some loose parts, e.g.

- Small stones
- Gumnuts
- Buttons
- Matchsticks
- Transparent counters

You will also need a ball of playdough, and a dice. (If you do not have your own dice you can use the template provided in your child's take home pack)

These open-ended materials are great on their own for your child to explore.

If your child shows interest in counting, you may like to play a simple addition or subtraction game with your child.

Numeracy Game

Encourage your child to roll the dice. You can support them in counting the spots on the face as it landed, practicing 1:1 correspondence. Then, you can challenge them to see if they can add same number of objects on their playdough creation! As an extension, you can also try subtracting small amounts instead of adding, by rolling the dice to find out how many objects to take away.